

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Expedited Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (U 39 M) to (1) Issue, Sell and Deliver One or More Series of Its First and Refunding Mortgage Bonds, Debentures, Subordinated Deferrable Interest Debentures, Promissory Notes and/or Other Evidences of Indebtedness in Connection with Domestic or Euro-Market offerings, to Guarantee the Obligations of Others in Respect of the Issuance of Securities and to Arrange For Standby Letters of Credit as Performance Guarantees, the Total Aggregate Principal Amount of Such Issuances and Guarantees Not to Exceed \$2 Billion; (2) Enter into One or More Interest Rate Caps, Collars and Swaps; (3) Issue Variable Rate Debt (Including Fixed Rate Debt Swapped to a Variable Rate) to Finance Balancing Account Undercollections; and (4) Obtain an Exemption from the Competitive Bidding Rule.

Application 00-10-029
(Filed October 18, 2000)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING SHORTENING
THE TIME TO FILE RESPONSES TO PG&E'S PETITION AND MOTION**

On December 11, 2001, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) filed a petition to modify Decision (D.) 01-01-062, D.01-02-050, and D.01-06-074. PG&E concurrently filed a motion to (1) shorten to 10 calendar days the time to file responses to both its petition and the motion, and (2) shorten to 10 business days the time to file comments on the Commission's draft decision if the decision does not grant the relief requested. PG&E states that failure to grant its motion could jeopardize its ability to obtain adequate supplies of core gas.

PG&E has shown good cause to shorten to 10 calendar days the time to file responses to both its petition and the motion. However, to provide parties with a fair opportunity to respond, the 10-day clock for filing responses will start on the date that notice of PG&E's petition appears in the Commission's Daily Calendar.

This ruling is being issued pursuant to Rule 45(h), which allows the assigned Administrative Law Judge to rule on a motion before responses or replies are filed.

IT IS RULED that responses to Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E's) petition to modify Decision (D.) 01-01-062, D.01-02-050, and D.01-06-074 and PG&E's concurrently filed motion shall be due 10 days after the date that notice of the petition appears in the Commission's Daily Calendar.

Dated December 14, 2001, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ TIMOTHY KENNEY

Timothy Kenney
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Shortening the Time to File Responses to PG&E's Petition and Motion on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated December 14, 2001, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ KE HUANG

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N O T I C E

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